

60TH CONGRESS,
2D SESSION.

S. R. 117.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 23, 1909.

Referred to the Committee on the Library.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, and making the twelfth day of February, nineteen hundred and nine, a legal holiday and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the twelfth day of February, nineteen hundred and
4 nine, the same being the centennial anniversary of the birth
5 of Abraham Lincoln, be, and the same is hereby, made a
6 special legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the
7 Territories;

8 *Be it further resolved,* That it is hereby recommended
9 that the American people at home and abroad, the States
10 and Territories, and the District of Columbia, all municipi-
11 palities and towns, all organized bodies of citizens, all

1 associations, and all people generally, set apart the cen-
2 tennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln to do reverent
3 honor to his memory.

4 *Be it further resolved,* It is hereby recommended
5 that at all places where people gather for public purposes,
6 and in schools, colleges, and all seats of learning, addresses
7 be made in eulogy of Lincoln, and other special and appro-
8 priate exercises be held.

9 *Be it further resolved,* That the President be authorized
10 to issue a proclamation, in accordance with the foregoing, in-
11 viting governors of States and Territories and mayors of cities
12 to participate in the public recognition of the centennial an-
13 niversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, recommending
14 that said day be observed as a special holiday.

15 *Be it further resolved,* That with a view to the construc-
16 tion of suitable memorials to commemorate the public serv-
17 ices and character of Abraham Lincoln, which memorials
18 may include a great national highway to be called "The Lin-
19 coln Way," from Washington to the battlefield of Gettys-
20 burg, in the State of Pennsylvania, the sum of fifty thousand
21 dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be ex-
22 pended under the direction of the Secretary of War, is hereby
23 appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
24 appropriated to defray the expenses in making a survey,

- 1 plans for construction and estimates of cost by engineers of
- 2 the United States Army, for said highway.

Passed the Senate January 22, 1909.

Attest: CHARLES G. BENNETT,
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